

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK EDC
1 July 2004

Present: Wayne Allgaier, Bill Sims, Judy Cheng, Jim Gangawere

Minutes of June meeting approved.

New business activity in town:

- Book store opening up in Horine building
- 84 Lumber on track
- Bill Sims re-opening Antiques and Ole Stuff at original location.

Monthly Business Breakfasts

- June 17: Kay Cormier (Frederick County Libraries)
- July 1 (this morning): “Sunrise Seminar” at City Hall. Speakers from Housing and Community Development and Small Business Development Center. Casey Wilson expressed willingness to come back to talk to any small business owners who would like some follow-up advice.
- August: No breakfast planned.

Welcome Baskets. We continue to get positive comments from the recipients.

- Beth will be filling more baskets early next week.
- EDC members will continue to distribute the baskets. Bill Sims available Monday and Tuesday evening. Judy Cheng available Sunday afternoon
- Ryan Homes has agreed to pay for baskets distributed to their customers. Pulte Homes was also contacted, but said they would not be able to participate.
- We just got 100 baskets, which should be enough for this year (2004).

Movies in the Park

- Two Harry Potter movies shown so far. Had some trouble getting the DVD that was sent to us to work – had to use a backup, but it went well. These movies were a bit long (not ending until after 11:30 pm), not suitable for families with young children
- Next movie (July 10) is “Daddy Day Care.” 90 minutes long. Plan to start a little earlier (around 8:50 pm). Hopefully this will be better suited to younger children.
- Activities at Square Corner Park on alternate Saturdays: Jeri Reynolds in charge.

Welcome Picnic for new residents (June 19). Successful, according to those who attended.

- Attendance: estimated about 150 – 200.
- Plenty of food (supplied by Thompson’s Gas, Ken Ebmeier)
- Background music by Pat Baker.
- Introduction of Mayor and other public officials by Rick Weldon.

Main Street Maryland is on track

- Applications for manager position should be available soon. Jim Castle indicated earlier that we hope to have a manager hired by the first of August.

- Jim Gangawere reports that Mt. Airy has received applications from six people for their Main Street Manager. He was wondering if we would want to share applications? (We did not make a decision on this, as our Council liaison was not present to advise us.)
- August training meeting has been condensed to one day (originally planned for two days).

Potomac Valley Heritage Trail. No report.

Resource Guide. Jim Castle sent word that he has discovered an earlier document that he will be updating.

EDC budget for FY2005. Council approved the \$2000 we had requested.

Report from Frederick County OED (James Gangawere)

- Business Appreciation Week: End of September.
- National Main Street Conference for 2005 will be held in Baltimore. Theme: “Cool Cities.” The week (May 8 – 11) will include two tours to Frederick.

Tentative date for next EDC meeting: Thursday, August 5, 7:30 pm. Note: this is the same night as “National Night Out”, which was originally planned for August 3, but had to be changed because that is the date of our city elections. I will let you know later if there is a change in the date.

Wayne Allgaier
Chairman, EDC